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Held in Sumter, S. C., commencing Thursday, December 10, 1863.

Bishop GEORGE F. PIERCE, of Georgia, presiding.

The Conference met at nine o'clock, in the court-house, and, after religious services, conducted by Rev. Lovick Pierce, of Georgia Conference, the roll was called, and one hundred and twenty-one members answered to their names.

F. A. Mood was re-elected Secretary, and O. A. Darby, A. J. Stokes, and Robt. B. Alston, Assistants.

Nine o'clock, A. M., and half-past one, P. M., were fixed as the hours of meeting and adjournment.

The usual committees for the session were appointed.

Conference continued its session during Friday, Saturday, and Monday following—the sessions being daily opened with reading the Scriptures, singing, and prayer.

After answering the questions required by the Discipline, and receiving reports from the literary and benevolent institutions connected with the Conference; and the other business usual to Conference sessions had been transacted, the Conference united in singing a hymn and in prayer, the appointments for the ensuing year were announced, the doxology was sung, and the Conference adjourned, with the benediction from the Bishop. The following pages contain all the items of interest that passed before the Conference, and the institutions connected with it.

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GEORGE F. PIERCE, D.D., *Bishop*, Culverton, Ga.
F. ASBURY MOOD, *Secretary*, Charleston, S. C.

QUESTION I. *Who are Admitted on Trial?*

George W. Byrd, Thomas A. Boone, John R. Little, Alexander W. Moore, Samuel A. Roper, George F. Round, Andrew J. Stafford, Christopher Thomason, J. Emory Watson—9.

QUESTION II. *Who Remain on Trial?*

Richard R. Dagnall, John C. Hartsell, Robert C. Oliver, Jeremiah J. Snow, Samuel A. Weber—5.

QUESTION III. *Who are Admitted into Full Connection?*

Thomas H. Edwards, Edgar T. R. Frippe, James H. Tart, James F. Wilson—4.

QUESTION IV. *Who are Readmitted?*

James G. Gage—1.

QUESTION V. *Who are Admitted by Transfer from other Conferences?*

None.

QUESTION VI. *Who are the Deacons of One Year?*

James D. Carpenter, Wesley W. Graham, William A. Hodges, Henry J. Morgan, Newton K. Melton, John H. C. McKinney, Duncan J. McMillan, John E. Penny, John L. Sifley, John L. Stoudemire, R. Benson Tarrant, James J. Workman, William M. Wilson, George H. Wells, John A. Wood—15.

QUESTION VII. *What Travelling Preachers are Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

Edgar T. R. Frippe, James H. Tart, James F. Wilson—3.

QUESTION VIII. *What Local Preachers are Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

Wm. B. Alexander, Duncan Brentine, Robert M. Brown, John F. Butt, J. Marion Boyd, William Bryant, Thomas G. Corbett, J. Lee Dixon, James Floy, T. Alonzo Harris, Edwin C. James, Miles H. Joy, Edmund S. Lupo, Robert Ledford, Alexander W. Moore, Edmund H. Price, John C. Randall, Andrew J. Stafford, Reuben Washburn, Wright Wilson—20.

QUESTION IX. *What Travelling Preachers are Elected and Ordained Elders?*

James B. Campbell, James W. Coward, Thomas J. Clyde, John W. Humbert, Peter L. Herman, Algernon S. Link, Thos. W. Munnerlyn, John W. McRoy, Andrew J. Stokes—9.

QUESTION X. *What Local Preachers are Elected and Ordained Elders?*

Jesse P. Bodie, Charles J. Fladger, William J. Jordan, John Josey, Samuel C. James, Noah H. Kaylor, Wm. McGee—9.

QUESTION XI. *Who have Located this Year?*

James P. DePass, John Hutchison—2.

QUESTION XII. *Who are Supernumerary?*

David D. Byars, Willis S. Halton, S. B. Jones, C. Murchison, H. C. Parsons, W. Smith, R. B. Tarrant, James F. Wilson, Alexander W. Walker—9.

QUESTION XIII. *Who are Superannuated?*

W. Crook, D. Derrick, B. English, A. M. Forster, J. S. Nelson, W. C. Patterson, H. Spain, J. W. Townsend—8.

QUESTION XIV. *What Preachers have Died during the Past Year?*

Rev. GEORGE W. MOORE was born in Charleston, S. C., September 27th, 1799, and was converted to God in 1819. He was licensed to preach in 1823, and admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference in 1824. From this period up to the close of 1862, except a few years of local relationship, he did the work and shared the joys and sorrows of a faithful itinerant preacher. Brother Moore was faithful, efficient, and successful in the work of his sacred calling, never shunning to declare the council of God, nor to assert his uncompromising opposition to sin, in whatever form developed, or in whatever circles practiced. He was one of the first to enter the mission field among the colored population of our state. In that unpretending and self-sacrificing work he spent many years of his ministerial life. He was a missionary to the blacks when a supernumerary relation was granted him at the Conference of 1862, held in Spartanburg. His remaining days—which were few—were spent in special attention to that class of our population in the above-named town. The reward of faithfully preaching the Gospel to the poor is his. "He ceased at once to work and live" at Providence camp-ground, Anderson district, S. C., on Sunday, August 16th, at 3 o'clock, P. M. He died in the pulpit, at the close of his first prayer in the afternoon service, with the Bible and Hymn-book as his pillow, and his brethren of the ministry

and laity as his mourners. His last words were words of prayer—his last act an act of worship.

"Servant of God, well done."

Rev. Paul A. M. Williams was born in Colleton district, S. C., January 4th, 1816; converted October, 1830; licensed to preach October, 1836; was admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference January, 1837; and closed his earthly career at his residence, in St. Bartholomew's parish, January, 1863. He maintained an effective relation to the Church up to 1859, when his declining health compelled him to become superannuated. He was amiable in character and studious in his habits. For many years he served the South Carolina Conference as secretary; and in all the various departments of service in the Church was prompt, vigorous, and faithful. His disease was of such a nature as materially to affect his intellect, and it was perceptible that the power of his mind was failing. There was not, consequently, any outspoken testimony as to his spiritual condition previous to his departure, but the record of a good life gives assurance that he sleeps in Jesus.

Archibald B. McGilvray was born in the Isle of Skye, on the coast of Scotland; came to America in 1806; joined the South Carolina Conference in 1832, and died in Greenville, S. C., on the 9th of June, 1863. Brother McGilvray was a modest, cheerful, and agreeable man—a faithful friend and good citizen. As a minister of Christ he was holy, laborious, and useful.

The committee are sorry they have not been able to obtain any minute particulars of his last sickness and death. He suffered long and painfully with dropsy of the chest, which he bore with manly fortitude and Christian patience. The brethren who saw Brother McGilvray during his illness found him cheerful, resigned, and waiting for his change. On the day before his death, and in immediate view of that event, he praised God aloud, and so passed away. The brethren of the Conference will long miss his cheerful face from among them; but he has gone to his reward.

Lindsay Carr Weaver was born in Spartanburg district, S. C., November 16th, 1837, and died at Bishopville, Sumter district, February 28th, 1863. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1858, while a student at Wofford College. In July, 1859, he graduated; and in the following December, having been previously licensed to preach, he was admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference. In 1860 he travelled the Sumter Circuit, and in 1861 was appointed to the Yorkville Station. Here, in the early part of the year, his health failed—on account of which he was compelled to retire from the regular work to a more quiet life. At

the end of this year he was elected and ordained a deacon, and granted a supernumerary relation—which relation he sustained until his death. There was in Brother Weaver the promise of much usefulness. He was amiable in spirit, uncompromising in integrity, unflinching in zeal, and abundant in good works, during his short career among us as a travelling preacher. He died in the faith, and his end was peace.

QUESTION XV. *Are all the Preachers Blameless in their Life and Official Administration?*

The life and administration of each one was carefully inquired into, and approved by Conference. Charges have been brought, during the Conference, against the character of Miles Puckett. By his request, they were placed in the hands of the Presiding Elder for proper investigation.

QUESTION XVI. *What is the number of Preachers and Members in the several Circuits, Stations, and Missions of the Conference?*

THE NUMBER IS AS FOLLOWS:

Names of Districts.	Local Preachers	White Members	White Probationers	Colored Members	Colored Probationers.	Sunday-schools	Officers and Teachers.	White Scholars	Colored Scholars	Amount received for Missions	Amount received for Sunday-schools	Amount received-Conference collection
Charleston	13	2,089	118	6,352	1,098	9	85	140	739	$5,931 10	.....	$1,355 10
Orangeburg	30	3,619	289	4,081	370	38	218	896	349	5,035 23	$182 00	1,841 85
Marion	43	4,661	728	5,955	913	49	245	1,314	345	3,859 15	.....	1,040 35
Columbia	21	3,444	480	8,963	1,286	48	234	1,468	1,701	8,241 47	255 00	2,768 15
Cokesbury	29	4,884	429	5,566	679	59	376	1,731	30	4,600 00	36 00	1,303 15
Wadesboro'	26	5,499	608	4,718	660	60	291	2,254	713	4,267 95	.....	1,072 35
Catawba	29	5,970	1,430	2,669	852	63	400	2,027	65	2,657 55	88 50	705 10
Spartanburg	20	4,622	418	2,142	328	55	320	1,710	130	2,674 65	80 00	1,185 30
Total this year	211	34,788	4,500	40,446	6,186	381	2,169	11,540	4,072	$38,367 10	$641 50	$11,271 35
" last year	224	34,850	3,311	41,020	5,631	324	1,795	8,341	6,308	14,120 47	377 31	5,040 35
Increase			1,189		555	57	374	3,199		$24,246 63	264 19	6,231 00
Decrease	13	62		574					2,236			

QUESTION XVII. *What Amounts are Necessary for the Superannuated Preachers, and the Widows and Orphans of Preachers, and to make up the Deficiencies of those who have not obtained their Regular Allowance in their respective Districts, Circuits, and Stations?*

$8,420.

QUESTION XVIII. *What has been Collected on the foregoing, and How has it been Applied?*

$10,772; and divided among thirty-one claimants, according to the Discipline.

QUESTION XIX. *What has been Contributed for the Missionary and Sunday-school Societies?*

For Missions, $38,833 97.

QUESTION XX. *Where and When shall the next Session of the Conference be held?*

At Newberry, S. C.; the time to be fixed by the Bishops.

QUESTION XXI. *Where are the Preachers Stationed This Year?*

DISTRICTS, CIRCUITS, STATIONS, AND MISSIONS.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	POST-OFFICES.
CHARLESTON DISTRICT.	Thomas Raysor, P. E.	Charleston, S. C.
Charleston.	E. J. Meynardie and F. Auld	" "
" City Col'd Miss.	F. A Mood and W. M. Wilson	" "
Walterboro'	Martin L. Banks and John C. Hartsell	Walterboro', "
Upper Edisto Mission	A. Nettles	Summerville, "
St. Andrew's Mission.	John E. Penny	
Pon Pon Mission	P. G. Bowman	Adams' Run, "
Ashepoo and Combahee Mission	J. W. Coward	Blue House, "
Bamberg	Andrew J. Stokes	Bamberg, "
Allendale	John A. Mood.	Allendale, "
Black Swamp	J. D. W. Crook	Brighton, "
Hardeeville and Savannah River Miss.	W. J. E. Fripp	Hardeeville, "
Prince William, Bluffton, Beaufort, Edisto, Jehossee	In the enemy's line.	

Districts, Circuits, Stations, and Missions.	Names of Preachers.	Post-offices.
Missionary to China...	Benj. Jenkins.....	Shanghai, China.
Chaplain 11th S. C. R.	A. B. Stephens	
Chaplain to Hospitals, Charleston.....	F. Asbury Mood.....	Charleston, S. C.
Orangeburg District	W. G. Connor, P. E....	Graham's t.o., S. C.
Orangeburg.....	A. M. Chrietzberg	Orangeburg, "
St. Matthew's	A. McCorquodale	Fort Motte, "
Upper Orange.....	J. W. McRoy.....	
Providence.....	W. A. Clarke.....	
Summerville	J. L. Sifley.....	Summerville, "
Mount Holly Mission..	To be supplied.	
Cooper River.....	J. S. Connor.....	Pineville, "
Cooper River Mission..	To be supplied.	
St. James, Goose Cr'k, Mission.....	To be supplied.	
St. George's.....	C. Wilson.....	St. George's, "
Blackville	W. Hutto.....	Blackville, "
Edisto Fork Mission..	E. A. Price.....	Jordan's Mills, "
Barnwell and Silverton Mission	J. R. Coburn and Wesley W. Graham, sup.	Williston, "
Aiken	To be supplied.	" "
Graniteville Mission...	J. R. Pickett.....	Graniteville, "
Lexington	W. Carson and Geo. W. Byrd.....	Lexington, "
Chaplain to Military Hospitals, Summerville.....	J. W. Miller.....	
Marion District.....	T. R. Walsh, P. E.....	Marion, "
Marion	T. Mitchell.....	" "
Marion Circuit	M. A. McKibben and J. A. Wood	" "
Brownsville Circuit...	S. Jones	
Liberty Chapel and Lynch's Creek Circuit	R. R. Pegues.....	Mars' Bluff, "
Darlington Station.....	W. A. Gamewell.....	Darlington, "
Darlington Circuit.....	L. M. Hamer, one to be supplied, and J. F. Wilson, sup	" "
Lynchburg Circuit.....	J. W. Crider	Lynchburg, "

Districts, Circuits, Stations, and Missions.	Names of Preachers.	Post-offices.
Williamsburg Circuit and Black Mingo Mission	J. W. Murray and T. W. Munnerlyn	
Georgetown Station		Georgetown, S. C.
and Sampit Mission	W. W. Mood	" "
Black River and Pee Dee Mission	J. Parker	" "
Waccamaw Mission	C. Betts	
Conwayboro'	D. J. McMillan	
Conwayboro' Circuit	A. Erwin and H. J. Morgan	
Chaplain 4th Military District	W. A. Hemingway	
In the Army	A. J. Stafford, G. H. Wells, E. J. Frippe, and J. H. Tart	
Third Regiment State Troops	J. J. Snow	
Columbia District	R. J. Boyd, P. E.	Columbia, "
Columbia:		
Washington Street	W. P. Mouzon	" "
Marion Street	W. T. Capers	" "
Colored People	W. Martin	" "
Congaree Mission	N. Talley	" "
Columbia Circuit	D. W. Seale and S. Townsend	
Richland Fork Mission	C. McLeod	Gadsden's t.o., "
Fairfield	J. W. Kelly and C. Thomason	
Chester	Samuel Leard	Chester, "
Sandy River Mission	James T. Kilgo	
Rocky Mount	A. J. Cauthen	
Camden	J. T. Wightman	Camden, "
Wateree Mission	J. L. Shuford	" "
Sumter	D. J. Simmons	Sumter, "
Sumter Circuit	P. F. Kistler	" "
Bishopville	Aug. W. Walker	Bishopville, "
Santee	John W. North	Friendship P. O.
Upper Santee Mission	Edw'd J. Pennington	" "
Manchester Mission	John L. Stoudemire	Fulton, "
Manning	J. C. Stoll	Manning, "

Districts, Circuits, Stations, and Circuits.	Names of Preachers.	Post-offices.
Columbia Female College	H. M. Mood, President	Columbia, S. C.
Chaplains:		
Second S. C. Cavalry..	Manning Brown.	
Whitner's company, Aiken's partisan rangers	J. B. Campbell.	
Cokesbury District.	S. H. Browne, P. E...	Cokesbury, "
Cokesbury Circuit	L. M. Little and S. B. Jones, sup	" "
Abbeville Circuit	T. G. Herbert and Jno. R. Little	Abbeville, "
Ninety-Six Circuit	W. A. McSwain and R. B. Tarrant, sup	Greenwood, "
Saluda River Mission	W. H. Lawton	
Mapleton Circuit	Peter L. Herman	
Edgefield Circuit	Alex. L. Smith	Edgefield, "
Butler Circuit	R. C. Oliver	
Newberry Station	J. Emory Watson	Newberry, "
Newberry Circuit	M. A. Connolly, one to supplied, and J. W. Wightman	" "
Laurens Circuit	J. H. Zimmerman and J. J. Workman	Laurens, "
Pickens Circuit	T. S. Daniel	Pickens, "
Pendleton Circuit	W. A. Hodges and J. M. Carlisle	Pendleton, "
Anderson Circuit	J. H. C. McKinney	Anderson, "
Chaplains:		
14th N. C. Regiment..	W. C. Power	
26th S. C. Regiment...	W. S. Black	
12th Alab'a Regiment	H. D. Moore	
14th Georgia Regim't.	A. W. Moore...	
Wadesboro' District.	Charles Taylor, P. E...	Wadesboro', N. C.
Wadesboro'	Algernon S. Link and H. C. Parsons, sup..	" "
Wadesboro' Circuit	J. W. Puett and Thos. A. Boone	" "
Andersonville	Landy Wood	Ansonville, "
Albemarle	John W. Abernathy..	Albemarle, "

Districts, Circuits. Stations, and Missions.	Names of Preachers.	Post-offices.
Concord	James Stacy and W. S. Haltom, sup.	Concord, N. C.
Concord Circuit	Basil G. Jones	
Monroe	Wm. W. Jones and E. A. Lemmond	Monroe, "
Lancaster	C. E. Land	Lancaster, S. C.
Catawba River Miss'n	G. W. M. Creighton	
Chesterfield	Oliver Eaddy	Chesterfield, "
Cheraw	John B. Massebeau	Cheraw, "
Coal Fields Railroad Mission	Wesley L. Pegues	
Bennettsville	John A. Porter, one to be supplied	Bennettsville, "
Society Hill Mission	D. A. Ogburn	Society Hill, "
Chaplains :		
28th N. C. Regiment	F. M. Kennedy	
26th N. C. Regiment	A. N. Wells	
In the Army	Louis A. Johnson	
Shelby District	Rob't P. Franks, P. E.	Shelby, N. C.
Shelby	George W. Ivey	" "
Lincolnton	Osgood A. Darby	Lincolnton, "
Dallas	James G. Carpenter	
Yorkville	Edward G. Gage	Yorkville, S. C.
York	Samuel A. Roper	
Rock Hill	A. R. Bennick and Daniel May	Rock Hill, "
Pineville	John Finger	Pineville, N. C.
Charlotte	Claudius H. Pritchard	Charlotte, "
Charlotte Circuit	Lewis Scarboro	" "
Catawba	James M. Cline, one to be supplied	Newton, "
Lenoir	A. P. Avant	Lenoir, "
Caldwell Mission	Geo. F. Round	
Morganton	John Watts	Morganton, "
South Mountain Miss.	Israel P. Hughes	
Davenport Fem'le College	A. G. Stacy, President, G. F. Round, Professor	
Chaplains :		
43d N. C. Regiment	E. W. Thompson	
42d N. C. Regiment	S. J. Hill	
Spartanburg Dist.	Wm. H. Fleming, P. E.	Spartanburg, S. C.

Districts, Circuits, Stations, and Missions.	Names of Preachers.	Post-offices.
Spartanburg	Whitefoord Smith and J. W. Humbert	Soartanburg, S.C.
Spartanburg Circuit	Van Buren A. Sharpe	" "
McDowell	Thomas H. Edwards	McDowell, N. C.
Rutherford	James S. Erwin	Rutherford, "
Columbus	Richard R. Dagnall	Columbus, "
Pacolet	Samuel A. Weber	
Goshen Hill	Wm. Bowman	Goshen Hill, S. C.
Union	H. A. C. Walker and C. Murchison, sup.	Union, "
Greenville	Robert B. Alston	Greenville, "
Greenville Circuit	W. C. Kirkland, N. K. Melton, and A. H. Lester	Buena Vista, "
Pickensville	Thomas J. Clyde and D. D. Byars, sup.	Pickens, "
Keowee Mission	Francis M. Morgan	
Wofford College	Albert M. Shipp, Pres't Whitefoord Smith, Professor	Spartanburg, "
Transferred to Texas Conference	Edward F. Thwing	
Left without appointment	Miles Puckett	

John T. Wightman was appointed to preach the Annual Sermon before the Conference at the ensuing session.

COMMITTEES TO EXAMINE THE CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL, AND THE CLASSES ON THE COURSE OF STUDY, FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

To Examine the Candidates—S. H. Browne, *Chairman;* J. H. Zimmerman, and W. C. Kirkland.

First Year—A. M. Chrietzberg, *Chairman;* Thomas Raysor, James T. Kilgo, and W. W. Mood.

Second Year—H. C. Parsons, *Chairman;* William Hutto, and Jacob S. Connor.

Third Year—Thomas Mitchell, *Chairman;* W. H. Lawton, J. W. Wightman, and O. A. Darby.

Fourth Year—W. A. Gamewell, *Chairman;* H. M. Mood, M. L. Banks, and W. J. E. Frippe.

RESOLUTIONS.

First Service in January.

Whereas, the success of the Southern Confederacy, in the present struggle, depends upon the Divine blessing; and whereas, this blessing can not be expected only in answer to the prayer of faith; and whereas, the pure minds of our people need constantly be stirred up by way of remembrance—Therefore,

Resolved, That all the preachers of the Conference are hereby requested to conduct the services of the Sanctuary on the first Sabbath in January, with especial reference to the troubled condition of the country, urging the people to unceasing prayer and fervent supplication.

The Lord's Supper.

Resolved, That it be the standing order of the Conference from henceforth, that its members unite in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and in the exercises of a Love-feast, and that the Committee on Public Worship will hereby feel themselves charged with the duty of arranging therefor.

Conference Sermon.

Resolved, That a member of the Conference be elected, at each session, to deliver a discourse before the body at some time during the following session, and that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be administered immediately thereafter.

Days of Fasting and Prayer.

Resolved, That the first Fridays in May and in September be set apart as days of fasting, humiliation, and prayer, that God may abundantly bless the Church and the country.

Soldiers' Tract Association.

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the objects of the Soldiers' Tract Association, and will cordially receive, and, to the best of our ability, aid any agent appointed by the association in furthering its noble designs.

General Conference.

Resolved, That the Bishops be requested to call a meeting of the General Conference at such time and place as, in their judgment, may seem best.

Under the foregoing resolution the following delegates were elected:

A. M. Shipp, W. A. Gamewell, H. A. C. Walker, R. J. Boyd, W. A. McSwain, S. H. Browne, W. P. Mouzon, James Stacy, H. C. Parsons, C. Betts. *Reserves*—J. T. Wightman, C. H. Pritchard, H. M. Mood.

A. M. Shipp, of the above delegation, was appointed to attend the meeting of the Bishops to be held the ensuing spring. W. A. Gamewell was appointed *alternate*.

CONFERENCE INSTITUTIONS AND ANNIVERSARIES.

Missionary Society of the South Carolina Conference.

The following Officers and Managers hold office for four years from December, 1861:

Rev. Chas. Betts, *President.*	Rev. H. C. Parsons.
" N. Talley, 1*st V. P.*	" J. W. Kelly.
" W. A. Gamewell, 2*d V. P.*	" W. C. Kirkland.
" H. M. Mood, 3*d V. P.*	" J. H. Zimmerman.
" Thos. Raysor, *Secretary.*	" A. B. Stevens.
" C. H. Pritchard, *Treas.*	" A. McCorquodale.
" W. Martin.	And the Presiding Elders *ex officio.*
" C. McLeod.	

LAYMEN.

J. M. Latimer, Esq.	Dr. E. H. Andrews.
G. W. Muse, Esq.	Col. Paul Felder.
Dr. W. Crosland.	J. H. Kinsler, Esq.

W. H. Smith.

The Board of Managers of the Missionary Society held their annual session the day before the opening of the Conference session, when the missions were each passed under examination. The following new missions were recommended: The City Colored Mission, in City of Charleston, and the South Mountain Mission.

The anniversary exercises were conducted Sunday evening, December 13, 1863, in the Methodist Church—Charles Betts, the President, in the chair. The annual report, prepared by C. McLeod, one of the board, was read by C. Taylor; and addresses in behalf of missions delivered by Mr. Moran, of the

North Carolina Conference; E. H. Myers, of the Georgia Conference, and E. W. Sehon, Missionary Secretary. A liberal collection was taken up, as is shown in Treasurer's report. The annual report is as follows:

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

South Carolina Conference Missionary Society,

DECEMBER 13, 1863.

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY BOARD.

The close of our ecclesiastical year brings us to the celebration of another anniversary of the Missionary Society of the South Carolina Conference — on which occasion we greet our brethren with the profoundest gratitude to Almighty God for the protection he has afforded our Zion, through so large a portion of our state, in these times of distress. And although our cause, in common with our loved country, has suffered some reverses from the invasion by the enemy—several of our missions having fallen within his lines—these misfortunes have neither dampened the ardor of our zeal, nor paralyzed our hopes of ultimate success. It is a sufficient guaranty of our final triumph, that it is the Lord's work in which we are engaged.

A review of the history of our society for the past three years of our political struggle, will furnish additional cause of thanksgiving to the God of missions.

No period in our history affords us a better opportunity of marking both the heroic fidelity of the missionary pastors, and the salutary effects of the Gospel they preach, upon the minds of the African race, than the present.

The efforts of our missionaries have not only looked to the elevation of the moral status of the servant—evolving the great central truths of the Bible, more immediately connected with the plan of salvation—but making him contented with his social condition, by marking and defining, from the same Book, his civil relation to that master, to whose government and protection Providence has committed him.

It is to these instructions we ascribe, in no small degree, the loyalty of so many slaves—who, in the day of trial, choose to remain true to their owners, rather than to purchase their homes and comforts at the fictitious value of a nominal freedom under Northern misrule.

It is a matter of no ordinary gratification to know that, while the political ravings of demagogues, and the cant of politico-ecclesiastics, have succeeded in the subversion of the govern-

mental fabric erected by our forefathers, and in the dissolution of the once powerful Union, that the labors of our missionaries have been so strengthening to those domestic ties that bind the slaves to their masters, that neither Abolition proclamations tendering them liberty, nor the alluring promises of a levelling democracy, have been able to sever them.

But while our attention as a Missionary Church has been especially directed to evangelizing the slave population of the Confederate States, we have never ceased to offer the Word of Life to all classes of our fellow-beings. Even in these times of unparalleled calamity, while struggling for our existence as a nation against a foe three-fold our number, the Church has not expunged a single mission from her list of appointments, for want of men or means to supply the work.

It is true we have been forced, by this cruel war, to retreat at some points; but the same dreadful scourge that has driven us from some portions of our work, has been overruled by the Providence of God to the opening a new and more ample missionary enterprise to the zeal and liberality of the Church.

The Macedonian cry, from every regiment and hospital connected with our army, has reached the ears and hearts of our people everywhere. Chaplains have entered many of the doors of usefulness thus Providentially opened, and have accomplished much good in their respective charges. But still the laborers are few to reap those fields already white unto the harvest.

Missionaries have been loudly called for, and many of our most pious and talented ministers have responded to those calls. Yet the demand is not met. The trophies, however, already won by those who have gone forth in this noble work, admonish us to increase our efforts to enlarge our corps of missionary laborers to the more destitute portions of our army.

And while there is no field so arduous as that of an army mission, there is none that promises so rich a reward to the laborer when his work is closed. Though the groans of the dying may fall upon his ears, and his eyes look upon the mangled and the dead, yet he finds unspeakable relief in lighting the dying defenders of his country through the valley and shadow of death, and in training the survivors of the war for positions of usefulness in Church or State, on the return of peace. Never has the Church been laid under such imperative obligations to exert herself in these operations, as at present. In these times of distress and blood, the call from our President includes every available man throughout our national bounds. Let them go, but not alone. Let their missionaries go with them. Let the familiar voice to which they have been accustomed to listen at home, be heard in the camp, the hospital, and, especially, upon the gory turf on the day of deadly conflict, offering its soothing consolation to the departing

spirits of those who, like their revolutionary ancestors, have sacrificed their lives, their fortunes which they had pledged, as well as their sacred honor, upon the altar of liberty.

The Board submit the following synopsis of the operations of the society for the past year:

Fort Motte Mission was served by Rev. S. Smoke. No statistical report—merged into the Circuit.

Mount Holly was served by Bro. Cannon. He reports 59 whites and 208 colored. Mission continued.

Cooper River was served by Bro. Hutson, who reports 333 colored members; 16 on trial, and 74 catechumens.

Middle St. John's. No report. Discontinued.

Edisto Fork was served by Rev. E. A. Price, who reports 96 whites, 76 colored, 3 on trial; amount collected, $69 43. Continued.

Graniteville was served by Rev. W. J. Frippe, who reports 79 whites, 4 colored, and $439 collected. Mission continued.

City Mission, Columbia, was served by Rev. W. Martin, who reports 704 colored members; on trial, 62; amount raised for Mission, $261 47. Continued.

Congaree was served by Rev. N. Talley, who reports 14 whites, 367 colored, 23 on trial, children, 220; amount raised, $321. Continued.

St. James, Goose Creek, was served by Rev. T. Leadbetter. No statistical report. Continued.

Sandy Run. No statistical report. Continued.

Richland Fork was served by Rev. C. McLeod, who reports 99 whites, 2 on trial, 280 colored, 3 on trial, children, 120. Continued.

Wateree was served by Rev. J. L. Shuford. He reports 48 whites, 1,130 colored, 121 on trial, 327 catechumens. Continued.

Upper Santee was served by Rev. E. J. Pennington, who reports 5 churches, 35 whites, 5 on trial; 458 colored, on trial 57, catechumens, 222. Continued.

Manchester was served by Rev. T. W. Munnerlyn, who reports 3 churches, 170 catechumens; 650 colored members, 40 on trial; 27 whites; on trial, 8. Continued.

Saluda River was served by Rev. W. H. Lawton, who reports 38 whites and 2 on trial; 115 colored, 2 on trial; amount collected, $105. Continued.

Catawba River. Continued. No report.

Coal Fields Railroad. 192 colored, 29 on trial, catechumens 108; amount collected, $30. Continued.

Society Hill was served by Rev. D. Ogburn, who reports 12 plantations served, 300 colored members, 15 on trial; amount collected, $500. Continued.

Keowee. 8 churches, 173 white members, 8 on trial; 9 colored, scholars 75. Continued.

Sampit. 937 colored members, 112 on trial, catechumens 67; amount collected, $435. Continued.

Black River and Pee Dee was served by Rev. I. P. Hughes, who reports 9 churches, 68 white members, 15 on trial; 776 colored, 155 on trial, 170 catechumens; amount collected, $263 80. Continued.

Waccamaw was served by Rev. C. Betts, who reports 22 whites, 547 colored, 209 on trial, 120 catechumens. Continued.

Ashley and Round O was served by Rev. A. Nettles, who reports 12 appointments, 42 whites, 180 colored, on trial 186; amount collected, $646.

Savannah River was served by Rev. J. R. Coburn, who reports 2 churches, 60 members, 30 catechumens; amount collected, $290. Continued.

Ashepoo and Combahee was served by Rev. J. W. Coward. No statistical report. Continued.

Pon Pon was served by Rev. P. G. Bowman. No report. Continued.

The following preamble and resolutions, presented by F. A. Mood, were adopted by a rising vote:

More than a generation ago, when the dense slave populations of the coast were denied access to the means that would lead them to a knowledge of the only true God and of his Son, Jesus Christ, it pleased God, by his blessed Spirit, to awaken deeply the heart of one of South Carolina's noble men to his responsibility as a large slaveholder. He felt it to be his duty to provide at once for these dependent ones the blessed truths and ordinances by which his own heart had been made to be at peace. Accordingly, a messenger was despatched to Rev. Wm. Capers, D. D., of this Conference, than in the prime of his early ministry, who at that time was preaching in the City of Charleston. With the readiness to do good which marked the whole life of that eminent servant of God, he hastened to obey the summons, and a few days afterward, in the neighborhood of Willtown Bluff, to a large congregation of slaves, he preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ. From that time we date the origin of that sublime missionary movement throughout the Southern States which, at the opening of the present revolution, had culminated in a colored membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, alone, largely in excess of the united membership of all other missionary associations of the world.

In the mention of these facts, the members of this Society will recognize that venerable prince of missionary patrons, Colonel Lewis Morris.

From the time of the organization of missionary labor among his slaves he gave personal attendance upon the preaching of the missionaries, and personal attention to the instruction of his people in the Holy Scriptures and Catechisms. His

advanced age had, during the past year, developed corresponding feebleness, and it had become painfully evident that his end was drawing near. During the summer the enemy made a sudden advance up the Edisto, and coming unexpectedly upon the unsuspecting negroes of Colonel Morris' plantations, drove them like a herd of wild beasts within their lines. In vain did these helpless and terrified ones, appalled at separation from their master and benefactor, and Father in God, with tears and lamentations plead for mercy from our foe. With ruthless violence, at the point of the bayonet, they were driven into boats, to be transported whence they could never return. The blow was overwhelming to our venerable friend and patron, and a few weeks afterward, at the hospitable house of the Missionary, Rev. P. G. Bowman, he "sweetly fell asleep in Jesus," the Missionary having the melancholy satisfaction of listening to his dying utterances, and closing his dying eyes. Therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of Colonel Lewis Morris the Christian world has lost the labors of a true and enlightened philanthropist; the Church of Christ the example and influence of a truly Godly man; his family the genial presence of an honored and revered parent; the slave the benevolent and prayerful love of a true friend; and this Society its earliest and one of its most enlightened and devoted patrons.

Resolved, That a page upon our journal be devoted to his memory.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, and the Secretary secure their insertion in the Charleston papers.

(Signed) C. BETTS,
President.

Thos. Raysor,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE

South Carolina Conference Missionary Society

For the Year 1863.

C. H. PRITCHARD, Treasurer,

In Account with South Carolina Conference Missionary Society, Dec., 1863.

To Collection during the past year:

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

Bamberg circuit, Rev. Thos Raysor	$ 340	00
Allendale circuit, Rev John A Mood	279	05
Ashley and Round O, by Rev A Nettles: Hon R S Bedon, 50; R B Jenkins, 50; Judge E Frost, 50; J C H Claussen, 50; J B Campbell, 40; A F Browning, 40; Col W I Bull, 40; Mrs W McK Parker, 40; O P Williams, 40; J C Glover, 25; C B Farmer, 25; Mrs C B Verdier, 30; D A E Williams, 20; Col A C Izard, 20; E L Sims, 20; E Caller, 16; Capt H G Sheridan, 15; Mrs Driggers, 14; J W Craig, 10; Jas Hazel, 10; H R Banks, 10; Col S Farrow, 10; J Wilson, 10; Dr J W Jenkins, 10; J Caller, 10; Mrs S Chaplin, 10; Miss M B Campbell, 10; A Willis, 8; A J Lemacks, 5; Mrs C J Whitsell, 5; Capt A L Campbell, 5; P H Moore, 5; Mrs S Bedon, 5; Dr. J O Glover, 5; O P Hughes, 5; Mrs M W Baily, 5; collections, 23	746	00
Ashepoo and Combahee mission, by Rev J W Coward: J B Heyward, 150; R P Smith, 25; H S Rhett, 20; Hon N Heyward, 50; W B Means, 50; W H Heyward, 30	325	00
Savannah River mission, by Rev J R Coburn: J B Heyward, 50; Dan'l Heyward, 100; J J P Smith, 90; Capt Lynah, 50	290	00
Trinity station, Charleston, by Rev J T Wightman	1,500	00
Bethel station, Charleston, by Rev E J Meynardie: Army missions, 1,000; collections, 180 65, to make Rev E J and Mrs Meynardie life members	1,180	65
Black Swamp circuit, by Rev S Leard: Collections, 602 50; army missions, 334	936	50
Walterboro' circuit, by Rev M L Banks	335	00
	$5,932	20

ORANGEBURG DISTRICT.

Cooper River circuit, by Rev J S Connor: Pineville, 27 50; Bethel, 16; Friendship, 15; Rehoboth, 39; Zion, 14; Hickory Grove, 11 75; St. James, 60 25; Echaw, 14; Nazareth, 21. 25 of which for army missions	218	50
St George's circuit, by Rev A M Chrietzberg	785	65
Barnwell circuit, by Rev W Carson	95	00

Aiken, by Rev A M Forster	67 15
St. Matthew's circuit, by Rev J W McRoy	394 35
Providence circuit, by Rev J D W Crook: Mrs D L Dantzler, 50; collections, 542 85, for support of army missions	592 85
Orangeburg circuit, by Rev J W Kelly: Army missions, 1,187; other collections, 113	1,300 00
Summerville circuit, by Rev J S Siffly	315 40
Lexington circuit, by Rev W A Clarke, of which 200 for army missions	500 00
Graniteville mission, by Rev W J E Fripp	439 00
Blackville circuit, by Rev W G Connor	129 00
	$4,836 90

MARION DISTRICT.

Conwayboro' circuit, by Rev D J McMillan, of which 252 for army missions	257 00
Brownsville circuit, by Rev L M Hamer: For army missions, 397 15; for general causes, 150	547 15
Darlington circuit, by Rev J A Porter	180 50
Liberty Chapel and Lynch's Creek circuit, by Rev M Puckett	191 00
Marion circuit, by Rev Thos Mitchell	532 00
Black River and Pee Dee missions, by Rev I P Hughes: Gov Allston, 50; Gen Trapier, 50; B M Grier, 35; P R Lachicott, 20; Frank Grier, 10; public collection, 103 80; W H Grier, 5	263 80
Darlington circuit, by Rev L M Little	353 00
Williamsburg circuit, by Rev J W Murray	363 00
Marion circuit, by Rev M A McKibben	436 00
Waccamaw mission, by Rev C Betts: Dr. John D McGill, 100; W A Alston, 50; Mr J Tilman, 25	175 00
Lynchburg circuit, by Rev J W Crider	135 50
Georgetown and Sampit mission, by Rev W M Wilson: A M Forster, 300; collections, 135 15	435 15
	$3,869 10

COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

Richland Fork mission, by Rev C McLeod	510 00
Santee circuit, by Rev J W North, of which 430 for army missions	582 75
Upper Santee mission, by Rev E J Pennington: Major R R Briggs, 100; J A Smyth, 100; Major P G Benbow, 110; Col H H Benbow, 10; W W Owen, 10; estate of Colclough, 33; Mrs Hilton, 13; H Senlas, 5; R W Chewning, 8; Rev T A Way, 5; D Hoyle, 5; W W Coullette, 12; collections, 35	446 00
Rocky Mount circuit, by Rev C H Pritchard	510 40
Sumter circuit, by Rev P F Kistler: Army missions, 204 20; other missions, 316	520 20
Richland circuit, by Rev D W Seal: 10 of which to make R Gibbes Center life member	396 00
Manning circuit, by Rev W W Mood	325 00
Sumter station, by Rev B English: of which 300 for army missions	403 00
Fairfield circuit, by Rev A J Cauthen: 211 15; for army missions, 700	911 15
Camden, by Rev R B Alston	327 00
Marion street, Columbia, by Rev W T Capers: Army missions, 105 80; of which to make W J North a life member 20; Sunday-schools, 32 25; colored people, 245 10	385 00
Washington street, Columbia, by Rev W P Mouzon: Army missions, 600; collections, 566; Sunday-schools, 57, of which 20 from infant class to make Sue Gamewell life member	1,223 00
Manchester mission, by Rev T W Munnerlyn	270 00
Sandy River mission, by E A Lemmond	340 00
Bishopville circuit, by Rev A W Walker	84 00
Wateree mission, by Rev A L Shuford: Major J M DeSaussure, 125; Capt J B Michael, 30; J J Thompson, 5; Col J English, 30; Mrs English, 25; S H Young, 30; Dr Shannon, 10; B Prescot, 20; Dr Franthan, 10; J Kilgore, 10; W Brown, 5; R Drakeford, 5; Dr J	

Milling, 25; Col A Goodwyn, 25; W H Hogan, 6; estate Arthur, 20; Mrs J Lucas, 5; Miss M Thompson, 5; Miss Mary Thompson, 5; Mrs Black, 20; Allen Young, 5; Dr Sanders, 5; Capt J Moore, 10; J H McLeod, 30; estate Thos Lang, 50; Col J D Kennedy, 50; Dr Rembert, 10; R Dye, 15; estate B Boykin, 30	621 00
Colored people of Columbia, by Rev W Martin	262 00
Chester circuit, by Rev J R Pickett	87 75
Congaree mission, Rev N Talley	300 00
	$8,504 25

COKESBURY DISTRICT.

Edgefield circuit, by Rev A L Smith: From whites, 275; colored, 25; for army missions	300 00
Mapleton circuit, by Rev P L Herman: Army missions	125 00
Cokesbury circuit, by Rev J E Watson	233 80
Ninety-Six circuit, by Rev W A McSwain	580 00
Abbeville circuit, by Rev R C Oliver	250 00
Laurens circuit, by Rev J H Zimmerman	450 00
Anderson circuit, by Rev F M Morgan	46 00
Newberry circuit, by Rev M F Connolly	167 25
Newberry station, by Rev T J Clyde	600 00
Butler circuit, by Rev Thos G Herbert	540 00
	$3,292 05

WADESBORO' DISTRICT.

Albemarle circuit, by Rev S Jones	167 00
Wadesboro' circuit, by Rev B G Jones	429 00
Wadesboro' station, by Rev H C Parsons	160 00
Lancaster circuit, by Rev C E Land	376 00
Ansonville circuit, by Rev A McCorquodale	225 00
Cheraw station, by Rev J Massebeau	75 00
Bennettsville circuit, by Rev J R Walsh	1,529 10
Catawba River mission, by Rev G W Creighton	400 00
Society Hill mission, by Rev D A Ogburn: Mrs Col J N Williams, 75; Major J W Williams, 50; J Witherspoon, 50; Hon J McQueen, 50; Col W H Evans, 50; Col Edward Evans, 50; Capt S W Evans, 40; Dr A McLeod, 60; L Townsend, 50; L A Drake, 50	525 00
Chesterfield circuit, by Rev O Eaddy: For army missions	175 00
Concord circuit, by Rev L Wood	140 00
	$4,201 10

CATAWBA DISTRICT.

Charlotte station, by Rev D J Simmons	100 00
Charlotte circuit, by Rev L Scarboro	321 50
Shelby circuit, by Rev G W Ivey	497 00
Catawba circuit, by Rev J R Bennick	250 00
Lincolnton circuit, Rev O A Darby	302 65
Dallas circuit, by Rev J D Carpenter	200 00
Lenoir circuit, by Rev A G Stacy	125 00
Pineville circuit, by Rev J C Stoll	120 00
Rock Hill circuit, by Rev D May	145 25
	$2,061 40

SPARTANBURG DISTRICT.

Spartanburg circuit, by Rev J Parker	54 70
Greenville circuit, by Rev W Hutto	305 00
Union circuit, by Rev H A C Walker	475 00
Goshen Hill circuit, by Rev J Finger	207 55
Pickensville circuit, by Rev V A Sharpe	105 25
McDowell circuit, by Rev J L Stoudemire	8 25
Greenville station, by Rev F Auld	179 50
Columbus circuit, by Rev J H C McKinney	148 35

Pacolet circuit, by Rev W A Hodges	82 55
Spartanburg station, by Rev W Smith	828 00
Rutherford circuit, by Rev W W Jones	116 50
	$2,510 65

MISCELLANEOUS.

From Rev L A Johnson	25 00
From Rev W A Gamewell, return and excess of drafts	150 00
From Mrs C G Kennedy	25 00
From Rev A Ervin, amount note	2 50
From Rev C Taylor, returned excess of drafts	60 00
Premium on bank notes	45 60
Interest on Wofford legacy	319 20
Amount of order, collected by Rev G W Moore	25 00
Balance in hand from last year	1,370 29
	$2,022 59

ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

Amount of collections 3,270 05, of which 100 was contributed by Rev J T Wightman to make John Pinckney Wightman life member; 100 by Rev F A Mood to make Cornelius A Raysor life member; 100 by Rev J W Kelly to make Rev T Raysor and Mrs Raysor, Rev C H Pritchard, and Mrs M B Pritchard, life members.

RECAPITULATION FROM DISTRICTS.

Charleston District	$5,932 20	
Orangeburg District	4,836 90	
Marion District	3,869 10	
Columbia District	8,504 25	
Cokesbury District	3,292 05	
Wadesboro' District	4,201 10	
Catawba District	2,061 40	
Spartanburg District	2,510 65	
		$35,207 65
Miscellaneous		2,022 59
Anniversary collections		3,270 05
		$40,500 29

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By sent to Dr Myers during the year	7,242 40
By collected by Dr Sehon	4,371 00
By paid Rev F A Mood, Bishop Early's drafts	1,630 00
By paid Rev W A Gamewell, Bishop Early's drafts	1,100 00
By paid Rev R J Boyd, Bishop Early's draft	1,925 00
By paid Rev S H Brown, Bishop Early's draft	20 00
By paid Rev C Taylor, Bishop Early's draft	760 00
By paid Rev W G Connor, Bishop Early's draft	650 00
By paid Rev W G Connor, for Orangeburg District	1,510 00
By paid Rev W H Fleming, for Spartanburg District	900 00
By paid Rev S H Brown, for Cokesbury District	60 00
By paid Rev R J Boyd, for Columbia District	3,670 00
By paid Rev R P Franks, for Shelby District	810 00
By paid Rev Thos Raysor, for Charleston District	3,000 00
By paid Rev C Taylor, for Wadesboro' District	1,480 00
By paid Rev A W Moore, Chaplain	510 00
By paid Rev Manning Brown	510 00
By checks as cash	594 75
By bond and note	386 00
By cash in hand	9,371 14
	$40,500 29

EDUCATIONAL.

The following constitutes the Standing Committee on Education. A. M. Shipp, *Chairman;* James Stacy, T. R. Walsh, H. M. Mood, S. B. Jones. The committee presented their annual report as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education present the following report of the progress and present condition of the several institutions of learning under the patronage of the Conference during the current year:

Wofford College.

The tenth scholastic year commenced in Wofford College on the 1st October last. Eighteen students have been in attendance during the session, viz: two Seniors, two Juniors, seven Sophomores, and seven Freshmen. During the preceding session, beginning on the 6th day of January last, thirty-one students matriculated, viz: three Juniors, six Sophomores, and twenty-two Freshmen. The general deportment of the young men during the year has been unexceptionable, and their progress in studies, with a few exceptions, owing to deficient preparation, has been equal to that of former years. The trustees, in order to render the college more extensively useful to the public by adapting it, for the ensuing year, more accurately to a state of war, and, at the same time, to provide for the permanent success of the institution on the return of peace, have passed the following resolutions, viz:

Whereas, in consequence of the continuance of the war and the action of the conscript laws, the number of students in Wofford College must be necessarily small, and confined, for the most part, to the Sophomore and Freshmen classes; and whereas, also, the income of the college is wholly inadequate to meet the expenses of keeping the entire Faculty at the institution: therefore,

Resolved, 1. That for the ensuing year instruction shall be given to the students of college who may desire it, in pursuance of the present course of studies, in connection, at the same time, with a High School, to be organized and governed by Prof. J. H. Carlisle, assisted by Prof. D. Duncan in the work of instruction, so far as college duties may allow.

Resolved, 2. That the President, Dr. A. M. Shipp, be requested, under the sanction of the Conference and the Bishop, to apply to the friends of education to assist in completing

the endowment of the college, now imperiously demanded to insure a successful future to the institution.

Resolved, 3. That the Bishops be respectfully requested to reappoint Dr. Whitefoord Smith to pastoral work for the ensuing year.

The institution, temporarily modified as above, under the emergency of the times, can not fail to commend itself to the special favor of the public; and it is hoped that many, now greatly in want of good preparatory schools, will avail themselves of the unusual advantages thus afforded.

The committee take pleasure in stating that, about the middle of November, the work of securing the endowment of the college was begun by the President, Dr. A. M. Shipp, in the Districts of Spartanburg and Greenville. The aggregate amount pledged to the college within this short time is $61,000. Such an auspicious beginning inspires the hope that, should the like spirit of liberality pervade the remaining portions of our Conference, the magnificent enterprise may be successfully accomplished in the unprecedentedly short period of one year. It is due to the distinguished liberality of the friends of the college who have contributed the above amount, that their names should have a permanent place in the public record of the institution. They are as follows, viz: Simpson Bobo, Esq., $12,500; Hon. G. Cannon and J. Finger, $2,500; John Bomar, D. E. Converse, and J. C. Zimmerman, $3,000; J. and J. D. Bivings, $2,000; J. and W. McMaken, W. A. Finger, and W. H. White (donation in domestic manufactures), $2,000; James L. and A. Hill (cash), $1,000; James McMaken (additional), $2,000; William Lester, A. H. Lester, and George Lester (donation in domestic manufactures), $25,000; J. A. David, $1,000; Rev. R. R. Pegues, $1,000; Rev. W. L. Pegues (including previous donation), $1,000; Rev. Charles Betts, $1,000; Rev. J. R. Pickett, $1,000; Robert Bryce, Esq., $1,000; J. H. Dingle, Esq., $5,000.

It is with melancholy feelings that we have to add to the list of noble martyrs from the college in the cause of liberty published in the last report, the names of the following, distinguished alike for intellectual qualities and purity of Christian character, who have fallen during the present year, viz: L. Manning Austin, M. D., William Turpin Hardy, Taliaferro Simpson, James Austin Bailey, Maynard Layton, Albert Maximilian Padgett, and Francis Lewis Moore.

(Should the name of any student, who has been killed or died in the service, be omitted in the published list of this or of last year, the President of the College will be thankful to have it suggested.)

These sons of the college furnish illustrious examples of that patriotism which, catching its inspiration from the immortal God, and leaving at an immeasurable distance below all lesser,

grovelling, personal interests and feelings, animates and prompts to deeds of self-sacrifice, of valor, of devotion, and of death itself, for the good and glory of one's country. It is due to their distinguished merits that a suitable monument shall convey to the coming ages their names and their virtues. It is proposed to erect such a monument in front of the college buildings, and, under the resolution of the last Conference, $312 have been collected toward this praiseworthy object.

(It is earnestly desired that each preacher, who has not done so, will take immediate steps to raise at least $20 for the monument, in accordance with the resolution of last year.)

The exercises of the institution will begin on Tuesday, 5th day of January, 1864.

The *Faculty* is composed of the Rev. A. M. Shipp, D. D., President, and Professor of Mental and Moral Science; David Duncan, A. M., Professor of Ancient Languages and Literature; Whitefoord Smith, D. D., Professor of English Literature; James H. Carlisle, A. M., Professor of Mathematics; Warren DuPre, A. M., Professor of Natural Science.

The following constitute the *Board of Trustees:* H. A. C. Walker, A. M. Shipp, W. A. Gamewell, J. R. Pickett, C. Betts, W. P. Mouzon, H. M. Mood, H. Wofford, W. J. T. Miller, S. Bobo, J. H. Dogan, G. W. Williams, Robert Bryce.

Columbia Female College.

The trustees report this college in a state of unusual prosperity—number of scholars large, payments prompt, students healthy, well-behaved, and diligent, and union and harmony prevailing in every department of the college.

By a change in classes, a refusal to promote those students who do not come up to the creditable standard, and the addition of a resident graduating class, the standard of scholarship has been materially advanced. One-fourth of the whole number of last year's students were required to pursue the same studies for another year, and, by the increased patronage of the present year, the trustees are led to believe that the public view accords with theirs, and prefers ripeness of scholarship to a hasty and superficial course.

The Steward's department has been improved under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Bethune, who have proved themselves unusually qualified for the position which they occupy.

More than one-third of the students are members of some branch of the Christian Church. Forty-five are in communion in the Methodist Church, and regularly meet in class under the leadership of R. D. Senn, a member of this board. The regulations of the college are well calculated to cultivate the hearts of the students.

Faculty: Rev. Henry M. Mood, A M., President, and Professor of Mental Science and English Literature; Rev. T. E. Wannamaker, A. M., Professor of Mathematics, Ancient Languages, and History; Miss Laura A. Jones, Instructress in Arithmetic, etc.; Miss Amanda Rogers, Instructress in Grammar, etc.; Mrs. Amelia Wilbur, Instructress in Geography, etc.; Mons. E. D'Ovilliers, Professor of French, Drawing, and Painting; W. H. Orchard, Professor of Music; F. T. Strawinski, Professor of Music—guitar; Miss E. Orchard, Instructress in Music; Miss Clara Dargan, Instructress in Music; Miss Annie Gott, Instructress in Music; Mad. E. D'Ovilliers, Instructress in Music—vocal; Mrs. S. C. Pelot, Instructress in Mechanical Writing.

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Visiting Committee: H. A. C. Walker, J. W. Kelly, S. Leard.

Spartanburg Female College.

It is gratifying to record the continued prosperity of this institution. The number of the pupils matriculated, during the current session, is one hundred and eighty-one. Sixty-seven applications for admission have been declined for the want of accommodation. Already applications are coming in for the next session, commencing February 22, 1864. Efforts are making to enlarge the sphere of its operations, and it is hoped that arrangements will be completed to furnish the additional accommodations which the increasing patronage of the institution so urgently demands. The income for the past four years has been, and for the present year promises to be, equal to all expenditures. The reputation of the board of instruction, the union of sentiment and action on the part of the officers, the salutary discipline enforced, and the high standard of scholarship required, justify the anticipation of a still more prosperous and successful future.

Faculty: Wm. K. Blake, A. M. President; W. F. Alderman, A. M., Resident Professor; Rev. J H. Sturtevant, A. B., Professor of English Literature; Dr. J. C. Faber, Professor of French; E. Falk, Esq., Professor of Music; Mrs. J. Falk, Music Assistant; Miss E. H. Grigg, Literary Department; Mrs. M. G. Blake, Ornamental Work; Miss E. Fickling, Directress of Boarding Department.

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Davenport Female College, Lenoir, N. C.

After the retirement of the Rev. R. N. Price from this institution in December, 1862, the collegiate exercises were suspended. An excellent village school was, however, kept up, under the supervision of Mrs. Wilbur, one of the former teachers in the college. In March, 1863, the Rev. A. G. Stacy was unanimously elected President, and, with characteristic energy, he at once made preparation for the reopening of the institution. After extraordinary efforts in procuring the necessary supplies and securing patronage, he commenced the regular exercises of the college on the 28th of May last. The President has been assisted by a full and thoroughly competent corps of instructors, and the various departments of a complete collegiate course, including music and the ornamental branches, have been successfully carried on. The board of trustees take great pleasure in testifying to the eminent qualifications of Brother Stacy and his estimable lady, for the positions they have occupied so much to the satisfaction of the patrons of the college.

Home influence is constantly brought to bear upon the pupils; they are treated not as boarders, but as a part of the President's family. In September last a gracious work was experienced in the village of Lenoir and in the college, and a number of the young ladies in the institution professed conversion.

Amid all the difficulties incident to the reorganization at an unpropitious time, the success of the institution has exceeded the most sanguine expectations of its friends, a larger number of pupils having been in attendance this year than at any former period. Six states in the Confederacy have been represented, and in North Carolina ten counties.

Ample provision has been made for the vigorous continuance of the institution, and its friends confidently predict for it a long and prosperous career.

Under the present arrangement, the vacation takes place in the winter, to meet the wishes and suit the convenience of the patrons.

The next annual session will commence March 3, 1864, and end in December.

Faculty: Rev. A. G. Stacy, President, and Professor of Mental and Moral Science, and English Literature; Rev. G. F. Round, A. B., Professor of Mathematics, Natural Science, and Ancient Languages; J. S. Montgomery, Esq., Assistant in

Mathematics; Mrs. C. A. Wilbur, Principal of the Primary Department; Miss Emma Rankin, Instructress in Music; Miss Sarah T. Rankin, Instructress in the Ornamental Department; Mrs. C. F. Stacy, Superintendent of Domestic and Social Duties; A. A. Scroggs, M. D., Lecturer on Physiology and Hygiene.

Board of Trustees: Rev. J. W. Kelly, A. G. Stacy, A. McCorquodale, R. P. Franks, P. F. Kistler, A. P. Avant, A. J. Cauthen, Col. J. C. Harper, J. Rutherford, A. Shell, S. P. Dula, E. W. Jones, and N. A. Powell, Esqs.

Visiting Committee: A. M. Shipp, C. H. Pritchard, W. T. Capers, A. J. Cauthen.

The Cokesbury School.

This institution has, during the past year, realized some improvement, compared with the two preceding years. Five beneficiaries on the Holloway fund have been in the school during the year; and an average of about 40 students were present during the spring session, and during the fall session not so many, and toward the close, in consequence of the illness of the Rector, Alpheus W. Watson, and other causes, the school became small and less interesting. The school must be kept up, and the hearty co-operation of all our preachers is earnestly requested. The trustees have resolved to introduce the military element at an early day, by the approbation of the Conference.

Visiting Committee: J. H. Zimmerman, L. M. Little, T. G. Herbert.

Carolina Female College.

This institution having been closed for some time, has now a fair prospect of being reopened. The trustees have elected the Rev. Mr. Griffith, a local preacher, and a teacher of considerable experience, who comes highly recommended from Virginia. He will enter upon the duties of the college on the 1st of January next, and there is reason to believe that it will be well patronized and sustained.

Trustees: Revs. H. C. Parsons, F. Milton Kennedy, R. R. Pegues, W. C. Power; and the Presiding Elder of the Wadesboro' District, the preachers in charge of the Wadesboro' Station, Wadesboro' Circuit, Ansonville Circuit, are trustees *ex-officio;* Col. Wm. G. Smith, Col. Henry Ledbetter, E. G. Knight, Thomas W. Kendall, Purdie Richardson, W. P. Kendall, Dr. W. F. Harllee.

In conclusion, the committee offer for adoption by the Conference the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That, as a body of Christian ministers, we cherish a profound conviction of the necessity of giving strict attention

to the moral, religious, as well as intellectual education of the youth of our land, especially in this crisis of our country's history; and that we will continue, with increased zeal, to sustain and build up, in every practicable way, the interests of the several institutions of learning under the patronage of the Conference.

SPIRITUAL WANTS OF THE ARMY.

Committee: H. A. C. Walker, *Chairman;* Tracey R. Walsh, Charles Betts, James Stacy, Claudius H. Pritchard.

The committee appointed to consider the spiritual wants of the army, in connection with the obligations of the Conference, presented the following—

Report:

The Committee on the Religious Wants of the Army, having considered the subject referred to them, respectfully report:

The destitution of ministerial labor among our citizen-soldiery is deplorably extensive; while, on the part of both officers and privates, there is a very general and increasing desire for the services of the Christian ministry. While these thousands of our people, called from life's peaceful avocations, are presenting their magnanimous breasts and strong arms as their country's bulwark and palladium of her rights, none will question the duty of the Church to furnish them with preachers of the Word of Life. To argue this duty here, were but to offend the intelligence, the patriotism, the piety of our people; for these men are not mercenaries—even then they should have the Gospel—but have gone out from our homes, and their absence is the sorrow of nearly every family in our country. Our hearts are with them, and it is the spontaneous wish of all that they should enjoy the pulpit ministrations and the pastoral care of the Christ-commissioned ambassadors of peace and salvation. While this field is exceedingly inviting, exciting our tenderest sympathies and most earnest desires, it furnishes great encouragement to enter and occupy it.

Hundreds of our noble defenders have been converted from the error of their ways, and have been added to "the sacramental host of God's elect;" while hundreds more, awakened to a sense of danger and of duty, are seeking life and peace in the blood of the Lamb. An army of such men would be invincible; for their very piety would so link them on to Almighty love and power, while it bound them to every duty of the patriot soldier, as to furnish that combination of character so tersely expressed by a great English leader—"Trust in God and keep your powder dry!" or, more happily, in the words of a higher authority—"We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners!" Then think of

the reflex influence of such an army of converted Christian heroes on us at home; and when these men, having conquered for the country the tyranny which would enslave us, and for their own souls the worse tyranny of sin, shall lay their armor by, and return in peace and triumph—as they certainly shall, by the good hand of their God upon them—what a moral power they will exert in the homes and churches of our land! While, therefore, everything binds us to our duty, the present and the future are full of encouragement and incentive to its steady, full, faithful prosecution.

Entertaining such views, every pious heart, nay, every thoughtful mind, will at once perceive the indispensable importance of prayer for our soldiers—not as soldiers merely, but as immortal beings—that the Word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified in their salvation. And, by the way, as our enemies are men—erring, sinful men, as we are, yet men, nevertheless—should we not pray to Him in whose hand are the hearts of all, to lead them to repentance, and turn them from their wickedness—so making even our enemies to be at peace with us?

Our opinion, made up after somewhat extensive inquiry, is that chaplains have greater facilities for usefulness than can be secured by ministers not so intimately connected with the troops, and so sharing far less in their confidence and affection. Nevertheless, missionaries or evangelists, it is believed, may be usefully employed where no chaplains are in service. Upon the whole, however, we deem it very desirable that ministers appointed to labor in the army should obtain appointments as chaplains wherever practicable; nor can we refrain from the very decided expression of opinion that a chaplain suitable for the work—and none other should be appointed—should remain steadfast, and faithful, and zealous in his holy work, with the approval of the Bishops, unless there should exist some imperious reason for resigning his post.

The following resolutions are suggested for adoption by the Conference, viz:

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop be, and he is hereby respectfully requested to appoint, with their consent, so many of the members of this Conference as he may think proper to labor in the army.

Resolved, That each preacher, so appointed, shall apply for and obtain, whenever practicable, a commission as chaplain; and that, until such commission shall be obtained, he shall be regarded as a domestic missionary.

Resolved, That the salaries of the chaplains be supplemented, and the salaries of the missionaries be fixed by the Mission Committee of this Conference.

Resolved, That all money collected within this Conference

for missionary purposes be sent to Rev. C. H. Pritchard, Treasurer of the S. C. Conference Missionary Society.

Resolved, That a committee of — be appointed by the Presiding Bishop to memorialize Congress to pass a law authorizing missionaries, appointed from this Conference, to purchase rations and forage from quartermasters and commissaries on the terms on which they are furnished to the officers; and to allow each chaplain forage and one horse.

Resolved, That we solemnly pledge ourselves, and earnestly invoke our people to continued prayer for the salvation and happiness of our soldiers.

OFFICERS AND MANAGERS

OF THE

Sunday-school Society of the South Carolina Conference.

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And the Presiding Elders *ex officio*.

Report on Sunday-schools.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of Sunday-schools beg leave respectfully to report that, notwithstanding the distracted condition of the country, the Sunday-school interest has not abated during the past year, and in many places has been materially increased. We are gratified to learn that, notwithstanding the number of our male teachers absent in the army, their places have been filled, to a considerable extent, by the female members and friends of the Church. We are pleased to find that a neat and valuable sheet has been issued by Rev. J. W. Burke, of Macon, Ga., which supplies the place so well of our former Sunday-school *Visitor*. We have learned, also, with feeling of high gratification, of the establishment of Bible-classes in many places in our army, and of the increasing attention given to this subject by our chaplains. Your commit-

tee would further state that it was thought advisable, in the circumstances of the country two years ago, to hold no Sunday-school Convention, which we think was a justifiable omission at the time, which need not be again repeated. We recommend to the Conference the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we are, as ever, impressed with the importance of the Sunday-school as the nursery of the Church, and that we will exert ourselves to foster the schools now in existence, and establish others wherever practicable.

2. *Resolved*, That we recommend a Sunday-school Convention, some time during the ensuing spring, to be composed of one delegate from every Sunday-school society, or from the charge where no such society exists, and also one from every regiment within the bounds of the Conference, in which there are Bible-classes—and that a committee of three be appointed to fix the time and place of such convention.

Rev. W. A. McSwain, S. H. Browne, and T. G. Herbert, were appointed the committee under the resolution.

3. *Resolved*, That we appreciate highly the efforts that have been made by Messrs. Townsend & North, and also J. W. Burke, to keep up our Sunday-school literature, and that we recommend to all our schools and people the publications they have issued.

4. *Resolved*, That we consider it important that an Anniversary of the Sunday-school Society of the South Carolina Conference should be held at every session.

5. *Resolved*, That we recommend to our Presiding Elders the propriety of urging upon all our pastors the necessity of observing the disciplinary obligations to organize Bible-classes, and to observe catechetical instruction in all our churches, as far as practicable.

6. *Resolved*, That a collection be taken in all our churches early in the year, and report to the Convention for application.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

The following constitute the Board of Finance: J. Stacy, *Chairman*; S. Leard, *Secretary*; C. Murchison, *Treasurer*. S. B. Jones, W. Martin, J. W. North, D. J. Simmons, and C. McLeod, of the clergy—S. Olin Talley, Columbia, S. C., ——— Spartanburg, S. C., George W. Williams, Charleston, S. C., S. M. Stevenson, Marion, S. C., Dr. J. W. Dogan, Union, S. C., Dr. W. J. T. Miller, Shelby, N. C., of the laity.

The Board ordered the following:

Assessments for the Year 1864.

Charleston, $200. City Colored Mission, $100. Hardeeville, $100. Walterboro', $250. Bamberg, $200. Allendale, $200. Black Swamp, $400. Orangeburg, $200. Upper Orange, $100. St. Matthew's, $100. Providence, $200. Summerville, $150. Cooper River, $100. St. George's, $200. Blackville, $200. Barnwell, $80. Aiken, $40. Graniteville, $40. Lexington, $150. Marion station, $100. Marion circuit, $150. Georgetown, $100. Conwayboro' station, $40. Conwayboro' circuit, $60. Darlington station, $100. Darlington circuit, $170. Lynchburg, $100. Brownsville, $150. Williamsburg, $170. Washington street, $250. Marion street, $150. Fairfield, $200. Chester, $100. Rocky Mount, $170. Columbia circuit, $100. Richland Fork mission, $60. Camden, $150. Sumter station, $150. Liberty Chapel and Lynch's Creek, $50. Sumter circuit, $250. Bishopville, $100. Santee, $200. Manning, $100. Cokesbury, $250. Laurens, $200. Newberry station, $60. Newberry circuit, $250. Saluda mission, $100. Ninety-Six, $150. Mapleton, $50. Butler, $100. Edgefield, $100. Abbeville, $200. Anderson, $50. Pendleton, $50. Pickens, $50. Wadesboro' station, $100. Wadesboro' circuit, $200. Ansonville, $100. Albemarle, $50. Concord station, $50. Concord circuit, $60. Munroe, $60. Bennettsville, $300. Chesterfield, $50. Cheraw, $120. Lancaster, $120. Lincolnton, $100. Dallas, $50. Pineville, $100. Charlotte station, $100. Charlotte circuit, $100. Catawba, $100. Lenoir, $80. Morganton, $100. Shelby, $100. Yorkville station, $60. Rock Hill, $100. York circuit, $50. Spartanburg station, $200. Spartanburg circuit, $60. McDowell, $50. Rutherford, $80. Columbus, $50. Pacolet, $70. Goshen Hill, $150. Union, $260. Greenville station, $60. Greenville circuit, $100. Pickensville, $50. Catawba River mission, $50.

Financial Plan.

1. It shall be the duty of the board, after ascertaining the whole amount of claims against them, annually to apportion the same to the several circuits and stations in the Conference district; and each preacher having charge of a circuit or station shall furnish his successor with the amount apportioned to his charge.

2. Each preacher shall make all necessary efforts to collect the money apportioned to his charge by the board.

3. The preacher in charge of each circuit shall (at the close of the Conference year) fix the first appointment for his successor at the church nearest the parsonage, or place of boarding; and shall allow him, thereafter, at least one week to arrange for the year, during which time (the day to be fixed the preceding year by the preacher and stewards) the stewards shall

hold the first meeting at the parsonage, or place of boarding, at which it shall be the duty of each steward to attend.

4. Each board of stewards, respectively, shall ascertain the whole claim against the circuit for the current year, both for quarterage and travelling expenses, as definitely as possible; and they shall then make an estimate of the family expenses of the preacher or preachers of the circuit, including servants' hire and house rent (if a house is to be rented), and the entire claim against the circuit for the current year shall be apportioned to the several congregations composing the circuit forthwith—each congregation to be notified immediately of the amount it is expected to collect.

5. The stewards shall divide the congregations composing the circuit among themselves, and shall make all necessary efforts to collect the amounts apportioned to them.

6. It shall be the duty of the stewards to open subscription books in each congregation to meet the current claim; and they shall also cause public collections to be taken up, if they deem it necessary, for the same purpose.

7. The stewards shall settle with the preachers quarterly, and to this end the subscriptions shall be taken in quarterly instalments.

8. The Conference collections for the support of our superannuated preachers, widows, and orphans of preachers, and to meet the claims of preachers deficient in quarterage, shall be taken up in each congregation as early in the year as practicable.

9. The Board of District Stewards shall be a standing board for four years; *provided, nevertheless*, that should any vacancy occur in the board, such vacancy shall be supplied by the Quarterly Conference; and each district steward shall be charged with collecting the amount apportioned for the Presiding Elder to the circuit or station where he resides.

10. The Board of District Stewards shall be charged with the work of supplying the district parsonage with suitable furniture, and shall be authorized to take up collections for this object in their respective charges.

11. Each member of the joint board, and more especially the chairman thereof, shall feel it his duty to be active in endeavoring to improve the financial condition of the Church, by correspondence with the stewards of the several charges, by public addresses to the Church at suitable times, or in any other way he may deem best.

12. The Circuit Stewards shall make arrangements early in the year, if they deem it necessary, to receive from the congregations assigned to them such provisions as they may be able to give for the support of the preacher's family, which shall be delivered at the parsonage at market prices, and shall be placed to the credit of the Church sending it as family expenses.

13. The Board of Stewards, on their respective charges, are requested to co-operate with the ministers laboring among them in securing the amount the charge has been requested to collect as Conference collection, by private applications to our wealthier members, and, if necessary, by public collections in their respective congregations.

14. The respective Boards of Stewards shall have authority to retain any surplus Conference collections to meet the deficiencies, if any, in the current expenses in the charge where it is collected.

15. The missionaries are requested to solicit donations for the benefit of the superannuated preachers, widows, and orphans of preachers, together with deficient effective preachers of the Conference, from the white membership of the Church under their care.

16. The Presiding Elders shall constitute a standing committee to ascertain the names of claimants, and the amount of claim each has upon the funds managed by the board, which information shall be placed in the hands of some member of the board, during the first or second day of the session of the Conference, annually.

17. Whenever an effective claimant receives on his work an amount equal to his quarterage, he shall have no claim on the funds of this board.

18. We recommend all our circuits and stations to publish, from year to year, in one or more of the papers published in the district or county, the names of the stewards of each circuit and station for the current year.

INCORPORATED CONFERENCE.

The South Carolina Annual Conference held its annual meeting in the Conference room at Sumter, December 13, 1863, Dr. W. Smith, President, in the chair. Journal of the last session was read. The following brethren were then elected members of this body, viz: J. H. Tart, T. H. Edwards, J. F. Wilson, and E. T. R. Frippe.

The annual report of the Board of Managers was read by H. A. C. Walker. The Treasurer's report was presented by R. Bryce, representing the finances to be very sound. A preamble and resolutions were passed by an unanimous rising vote in memory of the late Andrew Wallace, deceased.

The following officers were then elected: Dr. W. Smith, President; H. A. C. Walker, 1st Vice-President; S. H. Browne, 2d Vice-President; W. Martin, 3d Vice-President; A. M. Shipp, 4th Vice-President; W. A. Gamewell, Secretary; R. Bryce, Treasurer; S. Bobo, G. W. Williams, B. F. Evans, and Jas. Dunlap, Managers.

The Treasurer was instructed to purchase the usual clergy ticket on the Greenville and Columbia railroad. Appropriations were made at this session from the Fund of Special Relief, and the Superannuated Preachers Fund, amounting to $1,587.

Conference adjourned.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Historical Society of the South Carolina Conference was held in Sumter, December 14, 1863, the President, A. M. Shipp, D. D., in the chair.

The following contributions were made to the society's collection of relics:

1. An autobiographical sketch of the late Rev. George W. Moore, presented by Dr. A. M. Shipp.

2. A lock of Bishop McKendree's hair.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Rev. Lovick Pierce, D. D., is hereby cordially invited to deliver a historical lecture before the society at its next annual meeting.

The Rev. J. T. Wightman was appointed alternate.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

A. M. Shipp, D. D., *President;* W. A. Gamewell, *First Vice-President;* Dr. R. J. Boyd, *Second Vice-President;* W. A. McSwain, *Third Vice-President;* A. G. Stacy, *Recording Secretary;* F. A. Mood, *Corresponding Secretary;* C. H. Pritchard, *Treasurer.*

Curators.—R. Bryce, S. Bobo, and J. H. Carlisle.

Managers.—T. R. Walsh, J. Stacy, J. T. Wightman, W. Martin, W. Crook, W. G. Connor, B. English, M. Brown, and O. A. Darby.

There being no further business, the Society adjourned.

A. G. Stacy, *Recording Secretary.*